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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I am retired and use TracFone for emergency use only when my wife is traveling alone in the car or when we are on long trips. This increase will just have to be subtracted from my 1.4% increase in my SS monthly income. Since TracFone only costs me approximately \$8.00/mo. a \$1.00 increase would be 12.5% in my TracFone costs!! How am I expected to live if the 1.4% increase in my SS income doesn't keep pace with your 12.5% increases on items like these. Please find another way that is not detrimental to us Seniors!!!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph F. Smith
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members